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FOR AMBASSADOR FROM SOBER

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TAGS: USIRJC, IR, US

SUBJECT:MEETING OF USIRJC

REF: TEHRAN 6750

1. MUCH APPRECIATE YOUR THOUGHTFUL REPLY WHICH IS VERY HELPFUL TO US AND WE SHALL NOT PLAN ON NUCLEAR ENERGY BE-ING "CENTERPIECE." IF CIRCUMSTANCES CHANGE, WE CAN ADJUST QUICKLY.

2. AS I SAID PREVIOUSLY, WE DO NOT WISH ETEMAD TO GAIN IM-PRESSION WE ARE OVER-ANXIOUS FOR NEXT ROUND OF NEGOTIATIONS HOWEVER, IN LIGHT OF USIRJC MEETING IN AUGUST, WE HAVE TO TIE DOWN WHETHER A SESSION OF THE ATOMIC ENERGY COMMITTEE SHOULD BE SCHEDULED. (FYI: SCHEDULE OF U.S. NEGOTIATORS, WHO HAVE SERIES OF OTHER NEGOTIATIONS, IS VERY TIGHT. END FYI) SINCE COMMITTEE HAS FOCUSED ITS ATTENTION TO DATE ALMOST ENTIRELY ON NEGOTIATION OF BASIC AGREEMENT, WE
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WOULD NOT SEE COMMITTEE MEETING AS PRODUCTIVE UNLESS

ETEMAD IS IN POSITION TO NEGOTIATE SERIOUSLY. WE WANT TO KEEP COMMITTEE STRUCTURES, OPERATIONS, AND MEETINGS FLEXIBLE. ON OTHER HAND, IF ETEMAD IS PREPARED FOR FURTHER SERIOUS NEGOTIATIONS, WE OF COURSE WOULD WANT TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS.

3. WOULD APPRECIATE, THEREFORE, YOUR ASCERTAINING WHETHER ETEMAD IS PLANNING ON COMMITTEE MEETING AND PREPARED FOR DETAILED SERIOUS TALKS. YOU COULD STATE THAT, IF HE BELIEVES MORE TIME IS NECESSARY FOR STUDY OF OUR DRAFTS, NEXT ROUND OF NEGOTIATIONS COULD BE SCHEDULED LATER IN THE YEAR. (USIRJC COMMUNIQUE COULD "NOTE" PROGRESS MADE IN RECENT NEGOTIATIONS AND FACT THAT COMMITTEE WOULD MEET LATER IN YEAR.)

4. FOR YOUR BACKGROUND, YOU SHOULD KNOW THAT WE ARE PROCEEDING APACE WITH NEGOTIATIONS ON EGYPTIAN AND ISRAELI NUCLEAR AGREEMENTS AND, IF THEY ARE COMPLETED SOON, AS WE ANTICIPATE, THE TWO TEXTS WILL BE SUBMITTED TO PRESIDENT TO PROVIDE WHITE HOUSE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SEND TEXTS TO CONGRESS FOLLOWING END OF CONGRESSIONAL RECESS, JULY 19. SIXTY DAY REVIEW PERIOD WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE IF CONGRESS ADHERES TO PRESENT SCHEDULE, I.E., FINAL ADJOURNMENT ON OCTOBER 2 WITH RECESSES FOR REPUBLICAN CONVENTION AND LABOR DAY. HOWEVER, POSSIBILITY EXISTS THAT CONGRESS MAY CONVENE AFTER ELECTIONS.

5. SINCE AT BEST U.S.-IRANIAN AGREEMENT WOULD FOLLOW ISRAELI AND EGYPTIAN AGREEMENT BY 4-6 WEEKS, IT IS VERY PROBLEMATIC THAT CONGRESSIONAL ACTION COULD BE COMPLETED IN THIS CONGRESS. HOWEVER, IF ABOVE CONGRESSIONAL CALENDAR CHANGED SUBSTANTIALLY, THERE MIGHT BE OUTSIDE POSSIBILITY. KISSINGER

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